

Senate Resolution 586

By: Senators Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th, Adelman of the 42nd, Fort of the 39th,
Jones of the 10th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Beverly L. Hall; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Beverly L. Hall has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal commitment
4 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall has served as superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools since 1999, and
6 her outstanding commitment to the students of Georgia has been recognized with her
7 selection as the 2009 National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of
8 School Administrators, the top professional honor for a K-12 education leader in the United
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, she is the first superintendent from Georgia to be named National
11 Superintendent of the Year, and during her tenure as superintendent she has raised the
12 operational professionalism and the academic performance of the Atlanta Public Schools
13 system to new heights; and

14 WHEREAS, Atlanta Public Schools students' test scores on state and national standardized
15 tests have risen consistently in her nine-year tenure; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall was recognized in December as the 2009 Georgia Superintendent of
17 the Year by the Georgia School Superintendents Association and the Georgia School Boards
18 Association; and

19 WHEREAS, other accolades received by Dr. Hall include National Urban Superintendent
20 of the Year by the Council of the Great City Schools and Superintendent of the Year by the
21 National Alliance of Black School Educators; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall has also been honored by the Southern Christian Leadership
23 Conference; the Concerned Black Clergy; the Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Atlanta; and the
24 Atlanta Urban Debate League for her contributions to education; and

25 WHEREAS, she has been honored by the Carnegie Corporation with a national humanitarian
26 award and has been named among the 100 most influential Georgians by *Georgia Trend*
27 magazine for three consecutive years; and

28 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
29 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
30 of this outstanding individual.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 heartily and gratefully commend Dr. Beverly L. Hall for her sacrifice, foresight,
33 accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia and for the positive
34 influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Beverly L. Hall.